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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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- ☐ a Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), as checked below, or

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- ☐ a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or (If filed after the 37 CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with:
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- ☐ a \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). (If IDS filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)
- ☐ Applicant requests that the attached IDS and cited reference(s) \_\_\_\_\_ be placed in the application filewrapper. (If IDS filed after payment of issue fee)

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- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
  - ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
  - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
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